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H. Jim Fulford et al.

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**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 21, 2002**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2002 for which the shortened-statutory period for response is set to expire on February 21, 2003. Because this response is filed within the shortened-statutory period for response, it is believed that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper. Should, however, the Office require any extensions of time or other fees deemed necessary for entry of this paper, please consider this paragraph such a request and authorization for the Assistant Commissioner to withdraw the